

Information following Kildare LCDC/LAG meeting to Kildare PPN members

LCDC Meeting Date: 25th May 2022

Agenda Item	Information for dissemination to LCDC members	Date for
		dissemination
Representation	Sinead Ronan replaced Mairead Hennessy as the Co. Kildare Chamber of Commerce LCDC representative. Sinead is the Chamber's full time Public Affairs Manager.	Immediately
Community Response Forum	The Ukranian Community Response Forum is established and has met twice. Kildare County Council launched a new online information portal for Ukranian citizens arriving to Kildare. This portal provides a singular point of access to information on essential services at local and national level as well as useful links and contacts to help citizens navigate services available to them. Information on housing, transport, education, and health, amongst other services are available on the new portal to assist and support Ukrainian citizens to integrate into life here in County Kildare.	Immediately
Communities Activities Funding 2022	All applicants who applied for funding under the Community Activities Fund have been notified of the LCDC decision. Successful applicants will receive their funding in the coming weeks. Discussion is taking place with the Department in relation to the funding for running costs that were unallocated.	Immediately
Youth Mental Health	A meeting took place with the HSE in relation to progressing the Youth Mental Health report. While progress to implement the recommendations has occurred, securing resourcing for the longer term and implementing the remaining actions is a priority	Immediately
Perinatal Mental Health: Supporting new & expectant mothers	A series of activities took place to mark World Maternal Mental Health week from May 3 rd -9 th . Resources are available on www.parentingsupport.ie/mmh	Immediately

Celbridge Outdoor Teen Space	In person consultation has commenced with young people in Celbridge to gather their views in relation to outdoor facilities in Celbridge. Widespread circulation of the survey and a link is taking place	Immediately
Domestic Violence and Abuse Network	The network is proposing to develop a number of actions in 2022. A new post of TLCKidz co-ordinator has been recruited for Kildare West Wicklow. For further information please contact Niamh Booth niamhbooth@teachtearmainn.ie	Immediately
Planet Youth	A scoping exercise is currently taking place by Maynooth University to explore the feasibility of a Planet Youth Model in Kildare.	Immediately
Youth Employment Initiative	A new initiative to support young people aged 16-21 years not in education, training or employment is established by In Sync with funding through KWETB. Further details are available from joyce.brennan@insync.ie .	
Newbridge Family Resource Centre	Newbridge FRC are launching their 5-year strategic plan in Newbridge Town Hall on Friday 3 rd June from 10-12am All are welcome.	
Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme	Work is progressing within local communities and with individuals through the SICAP team and progress is on track. The SICAP Audit 2020 is complete and the findings were circulated to the LCDC. The Audit for 2021 will commence in Quarter 3. For further information contact County Kildare LEADER Partnership 045 895450 or info@countykildarelp.ie	Immediately
Connected Hub – Osprey Business Centre	There were five community groups/organisations recommended for office space in the Osprey Business centre. Work is continuing between the Osprey business centre and the groups to finalise details and clarify if their requirements.	Immediately
Climate Proofing	A short input was given by the PPN Environmental representative to progress the agreed action to inform how the LCDC can improve climate proofing its' work. In preparation for the LCDC, meetings took with the KCC Climate Action Co-ordinator. A short template, based on work of the Climate Action Co-ordinator has been adapted to help develop a framework to proof the work of the LCDC. This work is being compiled and will be presented for LCDC approval. Some aspects are relatively easy to implement e.g. grants can state that applications demonstrating positive actions to climate change are prioritised. Some are more long term e.g. LEADER, SICAP, Healthy Ireland. It was agreed that this work is important for the LCDC to prioritise.	

Healthy Ireland	The Healthy Ireland Round 3 programme has concluded with the final returns submitted to Pobal. A short presentation took place outlining that all programmes funded were completed. This was very positive, especially as the programme ran during COVID 19. Over 5,500 people engaged in HI funded projects. A separate report is available. The HI Co-ordinator post was advertised as a three-year KCC post. It is expected that this recruitment process will conclude shortly. Details of the funding available and planning process for HI 4 are not yet available.	Immediately
Slaintecare Healthy Communities	Work continues to roll out this programme with a number of HSE funded initiatives taking place. The Slaintecare Local Development Officer (Maria Healy) who commenced work in March continues to meet key personnel and is working closely with the HSE lead (Aine Buggy). A meeting took place on 30th May with HSE/Tusla to focus on the launch of the programme expected in the Autumn. Work is commencing on the Peoples Park Athy, which has received funding under Slaintecare Healthy Communities €250,000.	Immediately
Local Economic and Community Plan Update	A series of national workshops on the LECP have taken place including a workshop on the Environment which took place on the 25 th May. The process for commencing the LECP in Kildare is delayed due to resourcing and competing priorities e.g. Ukrainian Crisis. This is also experienced in other LCDCs.	Immediately
	Synergies between the LECP and County Development Plan are very strong. The draft county development plan closed for submissions last week and the LCDC Co-ordinator attended the community consultations held. These consultations and submissions will help prepare for the LECP.	Immediately
Kildare Town Community School	A presentation was given by John Hayes Principal and Liz Urelle Career Guidance on a tailor-made programme introduced by Kildare Town Community School in 2021/2022 targeting second years. This programme engaged 40 young people to support their literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing. Data collated at the beginning and end of the programme highlighted significant results in supporting the young people involved. It was agreed that support for this programme should be sought at national level and that it is a very positive model to extend into other schools.	Immediately

Projects Approved by the LAG	Six Projects were approved by the LCDC/LAG on 25 th May and 1 st June for LEADER grant aid totalling €443,368.16.	Immediately
	 County Kildare Youth Hub CLG (the Hive) were grant aided €18,231.56 to develop an overgrown outdoor area adjoining the Hive premises in Kildare Town into an attractive and usable garden area for use by young people from Kildare Town. 	
	 Cill Dara Stables Equine Ltd were grant aided €103,215 to reinstate facilities at Cill Dara Stables which are currently in a state of disrepair in order to launch CDS Equine Livery and Horse-Riding venue. 	
	 Gurteenoona Services Ltd were grant aided €185,363.44 to enhance a small rural equine business that specialises in horse rehabilitation and care for injured horses who can no longer compete. 	
	 Joe & Ailish McFadden were grant aided €77,638.35 to develop a purpose-built single storey social farming and educational centre. 	
	 Two Mile House Community Centre CLG were grant aided €22,292.21 towards a feasibility study for the proposed development of a community centre at Two Mile House village. 	
	6. Cnoicin Park Ltd t/a Kildare Maze were grant aided €36,627.60 for new amenities in addition to repairs and replacement of items for the outdoor activity park. Contracts are currently being finalised for these projects.	
Publicity and Promotion of Transitional Programme	Updates on the implementation of the LEADER Programme are contained in the LEADER Immediately News for March – April 2022.	
LEADER Administration Budget & EU LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027	A meeting took place with Oireachtas members, attended by the Chair of the LAG, Chair of LCDC, KCC Chief Executive, KCC senior management and senior management of CKLP. The challenges experienced in Kildare regarding LEADER funding were highlighted due to its historically low allocation. Oireachtas members were supportive of the proposal to increase funding available 2022 and into the future.	

Signed and date:	Marian Higgins
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